

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1798

As Passed Senate, February 25, 2022

Title: An act relating to powers of the legislative committee on economic development and international relations.

Brief Description: Concerning powers of the legislative committee on economic development and international relations.

Sponsors: Representatives Ryu, Boehnke and Berry; by request of Lieutenant Governor.

Brief History: Passed House: 1/28/22, 94-0.

Committee Activity: Business, Financial Services & Trade: 2/17/22 [DP].

Floor Activity: Passed Senate: 2/25/22, 49-0.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Removes the direction to study and adopt tourism slogans or taglines from the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Trade.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, FINANCIAL SERVICES & TRADE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Mullet, Chair; Hasegawa, Vice Chair; Dozier, Ranking Member; Frockt, Lovick and Wilson, L.

Staff: Clinton McCarthy (786-7319)

Background: The Washington State Tourism Marketing Authority (Authority) was established by the Legislature in 2018. The duties of the Authority are to contract with a statewide tourism marketing services entity to promote tourism on behalf of the state of Washington and create a statewide tourism marketing plan, which was also created in 2018.

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In 2020, the Legislature gave the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Trade the authority to study and adopt state tourism slogans or taglines created by the Authority.

Summary of Bill: The issue of studying and adopting state tourism slogans or taglines by the Authority is removed from the jurisdiction of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Trade.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: No public hearing was held.

Persons Testifying: N/A

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: N/A